

Editorial Notes

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

—THE Icarian Colony, the remnant of the followers of the enthusiastic French reformer, Etienne Cabet, is located near Corning, Adams county, Iowa, and numbers about seventy persons. Cabet, with four hundred disciples, came from France to Texas in 1848, then removed to Nauvoo, purchasing the vacated houses of the Mormons. Here financial difficulties beset and divided them. Cabet, with a few adherents, started for St. Louis, but died before reaching there, and was buried on the bank of the Mississippi a few miles above that city. Those of his former band (about two-thirds in number) who remained at Nauvoo, soon after sold their possessions, paid their debts, and invested their remaining funds in four thousand acres of land near Corning, where they have ever since prospered. The colony is now under the presidency of A. A. Marchand, and retain two thousand acres of their original purchase, one hundred and fifty acres of which are under cultivation. They are industrious and moral, tolerant of all shades of religious opinion, hold property in common, live simply and as one family, and encourage early marriages.

—GEN. ANSEL HUMPHREYS died at his residence in Muscatine on the 21st of last April in his 81st year. He was a native of Hartford county, Conn., but removed to Muscatine as early as the year 1840. He had been sheriff of Muscatine county, served one term in the state senate, and held many other positions of honor and trust. In the masonic order, of which he had been a member for fifty-five years, he was a guiding star and pillar. He had been thrice married, and leaves numerous descendants.

—WE have received "*Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society*," Volume I., being a republication of historical sketches issued at various times previously in pamphlet form. As now presented they form a nice volume, neatly bound, containing many articles chiefly relating to early explorations in the northwest of permanent value.

—MRS. RUHAMA CRANDAL, aged 71, a native of New Jersey, and a resident of Muscatine since 1840, died at her home in Muscatine, May 9th, 1873.

—PROF. C. C. PARRY, M. D., late Botanist of the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., delivered a fine historical address on the

"Early Exploration and Settlement of the Mississippi Valley," at Davenport on the 21st of last January, which has been published in a pamphlet for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association poor fund.

— JOHN BENDY, a veteran of the war of 1812, and a resident of Des Moines county for thirty-five years, died at his residence near Kossuth, May 5, 1873, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

— THE society of the Army of the Cumberland held their sixth reunion at Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 20, 21, 1872, and the toasts and speeches of the members present, and the letters read on the occasion from absent members, are now published in an elegantly printed and bound volume, embellished with a fine steel portrait of the late Gen. Robert Anderson. A copy has been deposited in our historical library.

— THE editor of the Birmingham *Enterprise* has a copy of the "*Sciota Gazette*," published at Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1804, which, outside of the historical society's collection, is perhaps the oldest newspaper in the state.

— WE shall publish in the October number, as we take pleasure in announcing, a biographical sketch of the Hon. James Grant, of Davenport, accompanied by steel-engraved portraits of himself and Mrs. Grant. No man has been more identified with the early history of Iowa, or left a more durable impress on her public institutions, than Judge Grant.

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